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By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION,

For Encouraging the Design of Erecting School's for Propagating the Knowledge of Christ in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland.

ANNE R.

FOrasmuch as We are Inform'd, That there is a Design of Raising a Voluntary Contribution, to be managed by a Society of Our Well-dispos'd Subjects in Scotland, (if the same may be Countenanc'd and Supported by Our Royal Authority) for Erecting Schools for Propagating the Gospel and Knowledge of Christian Religion, particularly in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland; And understanding how much Our Declaring Our Approbation of an Undertaking for so Good and Pious an End, will Contribute to the Carrying on and Encouraging thereof, do hereby, with the Advice of Our Privy Council, Publish and make Known, That We do, in an especial manner, Approve and Recommend the aforesaid Charitable Design, as tending very much to the Glory of God, the Good of Souls, and a Real Advantage to Us and Our Kingdoms. And that the said Good Intentions of Our said Subjects, who are willing to be Contributors towards Raising a Fund for the Carrying on this Religious Undertaking, may the better take Effect, We shall readily Grant Our Royal Authority to such Number of Persons as shall be proper, to be Commissioners for the Taking and Receiving Subscriptions, who shall meet together at Edinburgh the Eighth Day of November next ensuing. And We are likewise Resolv'd to Grant Our Letters-Patents, when the same shall be Requested in Writing by Two thirds in Number and Value of the Subscribers, for the Erecting the Subscribers into a Corporation, which Corporation shall be Authoriz'd and Impower'd to Manage the said Fund which shall be Raised by the Subscribers in such Manner and Methods as the Members of such Corporation shall think best for the Carrying on so Religious and Charitable a Work. And in regard it is very probable that the Persons who shall be Subscribers to this Undertaking may be diffus'd in several Counties and remote Places, so as that it may not be easie for them to Meet to Nominate and Elect the Members which such Corporation ought to consist of, We do Judge it may be more Convenient to Intrust the Nomination of the Members of such Corporation to the President and Lords of Sessions who reside mostly at Edinburgh. And We do hereby Declare, That We will Esteem Alacrity and Diligence in promoting this Pious Undertaking by Our Subjects in their respective Stations, to be a Service very acceptable to Us; to which We will give due Encouragement upon all fitting Occasions. And We shall use Our utmost Endeavours that the Monies Rais'd by the Contributors shall Faithfully be Applied to these Excellent Ends, for which the same are Destinate by the Subscribers. And that Our Royal Pleasure in the Premises may be the more generally known, Our Will is, That these Presents be Read in all the Parish Churches in Scotland, and Ordains Our Solicitor to Transmit Copies thereof for that Effect to all the said Churches.

Given at Our Court at Kensington this Eighteenth Day of August, in the Seventh Year of Our Reign.

God save the QUEEN.

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A PROCLAMATION,

For the Encouragement of Piety and Virtue, and for the Preventing and Punishing Vice, Profaneness and Immorality.

ANNE R.

ANNE, by the Grace of God, Queen of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, To Our Lyon King at Arms, and his Brethren, Heraults, Pursuivants, Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part conjunctly and severally specially Constituted, Greeting. Forasmuch as We considering, That it is an indispensable Duty upon Us, to be careful above all other things to Preserve and Advance the Honour and Service of Almighty God, and to Discourage and Suppress all Vice, Profaneness, Debauchery and Immorality, which are so highly Displeasing to God, so great a Reproach to Our Religion and Government, and (by the frequent ill Examples of the Practicers thereof) have so fatal a Tendency to the Corruption of many of Our Loving Subjects, otherwise Religiously and Virtuously Disposed, and which (if not timely remedied) may justly draw down the Divine Vengeance on Us and Our Dominions; We also humbly Acknowledging, That We cannot expect the Blessing and Goodness of God (by whom Kings and Queens Reign) and on which We entirely Rely, to make Our Reign Happy and Prosperous to Our Self and People, nor hope for the Divine Assistance to Deliver Us from the great and imminent Dangers which Our Kingdom, and the True Protestant Religion (Established among Us) are Threatened with, without a Religious Observance of God's Holy Laws: To the intent therefore that Religion, Piety and Good Manners may (according to Our most Hearty Desire) Flourish and Increase under Our Administration and Government, We have thought fit (by the Advice of Our Privy Council) to Issue this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby Declare Our Royal Purpose and Resolution to Discourteousness and Punish all manner of Vice, Profaneness, and Immorality in all Persons of whatsoever Degree or Quality within Our Dominions; And that for the greater Encouragement of Religion and Morality, We will, upon all Occasions, Distinguish Persons of Piety and Virtue by Marks of Our Royal Favour. And We do Expect and Require that all Persons of Honour, or in Place of Authority, will give good Example by their own Virtue and Piety, and to their utmost contribute to the Discourteousness of Persons of Dissolute and Debauch'd Lives, that they being by these means reduced to Shame and Contempt, for their Loose and Evil Actions and Behaviour, may be thereby also Enforced the sooner to Reform their Evil Habits and Practices: and that the Visible Displeasure of good Men towards them may, as far as is possible, Supply what the Laws probably cannot altogether Prevent. And as We have formerly Issued forth Our Royal Proclamations concerning these Matters in England, and Dominions thereto belonging, so We now, for that Part of Our United Kingdom called Scotland, do hereby strictly Enjoin and Require all Lords of Council and Session, Sheriffs, and their Deputies, Stewards and their Deputies, Bailies of Bailliaries and their Deputies, Magistrates of Burghs, and Justices of Peace, within whose Bounds and Jurisdictions any of the Sins of Swearing, Cursing, Drunkenness, Fornication, Adultery, Profanation of the Lord's Day, Mocking and Reproaching of Religion, and other Acts of Immorality and Profanity, shall happen to be Committed, to put all Laws and Acts of Parliament thereagainst to Exact and Punctual Execution at all times, and against Persons of all Degrees,

Degrees, at the instance of any Persons whatsoever who shall Pursue the same, Conform to a Proclamation, containing an Abbreviate of the said Laws. Issued out by Our late Dear Brother King William, of ever Blessed Memory, and His Privy-Council, Dated at Edinburgh the Five and twentieth Day of January, One thousand six hundred ninety eight, in all Points. And further We Require all whom it Concerns, to Observe, what is Enjoyed by the Eleventh Act of King William's Parliament, Dated the One and thirtieth Day of January, One thousand seven hundred and one, Intituled, An Act against Profaneness. And particularly for the more Effectual Proceeding herein, We do Require and Command all Our Judges and Justices of Peace mentioned in that Act, to give all due Encouragement to Persons who Inform of the Breaches of Our good Laws against Vice and Immorality, and not to put such Informers or Witnesses to Long and Expensive Attendance in that Matter. And Sheriffs and Stewarts, and their Deputies, Magistrates of Burghs, and Justices of Peace, are Required to take Care, that a fixed Time and Place, once every Month at least, in each Parish be Appointed for Holding Courts by themselves or their Deputies, or a Baillie to be Appointed according to the Act of Parliament, Dated the Ninth of October, One thousand six hundred ninety six: And that Clerks Fiscal and other Officers of Court be Nominated for Prosecuting of Persons Guilty of Immorality, and Ordained to Act their Parts in the Premises, that all Concerned may know when, where, and whom to Attend. And Presbyteries, Ministers and Church-Sessions are required to Nominate fit Persons within their Bounds respectively, to take Notice of Vice and Immorality, and to Delate and Prosecute those Guilty thereof. And the Judges and Justices of Peace are hereby Ordained to Allow to the Persons who shall be Named for Prosecution, as above, out of the Fines, not only the whole Expences, but also such further Rewards as the said Judges or Justices of Peace shall think fit, Certifying, That if any of the said Judges or Justices of Peace shall Refuse or Neglect to put the said Laws in Execution, upon the Application of any Minister or any other Person informing or offering sufficient Probation, he shall be liable and subject to the quotics to a Fine of One hundred Pounds Scots, for the Use of the Poor of the Parish where the Scandal happened, to be Pursued for in the Terms in the said Act, as also Conform to the Twenty third Act of King William's Parliament, Dated the Twelfth of June, One thousand six hundred ninety three, We Require all Magistrates, Judges and Officers of Justice, to give all due Assistance for making the Sentences and Censures of the Church and Judicatories thereof, to be Obeyed, or otherwise effectual, as accords against Scandalous and Consummation Persons. And to the End that all Vice and Debauchery may be prevented, and Religion and Virtue practised by all Officers, private Soldiers, Mariners and others, We do hereby strictly Charge, Command and Require all the Commanders and Officers of Our Forces by Sea and Land, and others in Authority, That they do take Care to avoid all Profanity, Debauchery and other Immoralities, and that by their Virtuous and Pious Lives and Conversations, they do set good Examples to all such as are under their Care and Authority; And likewise, That they take Care of, and Inspect the Behaviour of all such as are under them, and see that they attend Divine Worship duly upon the Lords Day, and also submit to the Minister's Examination, and to Church-Discipline, and to punish all those who shall be Guilty of the Offences aforesaid, and do not Observe good Order. And further We Command and Require the Judges Ordinary and Justices of Peace of the Bounds where any of Our Soldiers are Quartered, or Mariners lye, that upon Complaint by any of Our Lieges against the said Soldiers and Mariners for Immoralities, or other Disorders, the said Judges and Justices exemplarily Punish the said Mariners and Soldiers therefore: And We Require their Officers to Cite them before the said Judges and Justices of Peace for that effect, according to the Ninth Act of the Parliament, One thousand six hundred ninety eight. And all Our Subjects, whom it may concern, are Required to be very Vigilant and Strict in the Discovery, and the effectual Prosecution and Punishment of all Persons who shall be Guilty of any of the Sins above-mentioned, or other Dissolute, Immoral or Disorderly Practices. And lastly, We do hereby Direct and Command all the Judges above mentioned, and Justices of Peace, to give strict Charges at their respective Courts and other Meetings, for the due Prosecution and Punishment of all Persons that shall presume to Offend in any the Kinds aforesaid, and of all Persons that, contrary to their Duty, shall be Remiss or Negligent in putting the said Laws in Execution, and that they do, once every Quarter of a Year, cause this Our

Proclamation to be publicly read in Open Court immediately after Fencing thereof. And all Our Judges, Justices of Peace, and other Subjects, are hereby Required to Observe Our Laws and Acts of Parliament concerning the Premises, and to do their parts thereon, as they will be answerable for the ill Consequences of their Neglect in that Matter. Our Will and Pleasure is, and We strictly Charge and Command, That incontinent, these Our Letters seen, ye pass to the Mercat-Cross of Edinburgh, and to the remanent Mercat-Crosses of the Head-Burghs of the several Shires and Stewarries of that Part of Our United Kingdom called Scotland, and in Our Name and Authority make Publication hereof, and of the said Abbreviate of Our Acts of Parliament against Profanity and Vice, that none may pretend Ignorance; and ordains these Presents, with the Abbreviate, to be printed, and Our Solicitor to Dispatch Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Shires, Stewarts of Stewarries, and their Deputies or Clerks, that they may cause Publish the same as the Mercat-Crosses of the said Head-Burghs, upon the Receipt thereof, and immediately thereafter send a Copy to each Minister and Parish within the respective Jurisdictions, to the effect the same may be Read and Intimate in the Parish-Churches upon the Lords Day following the aforesaid Publication at the Mercat-Crosses, and thereafter at such times as shall be found Needful by the Presbyteries or Synods of the Bounds.

Given at Our Court at Kensington the Eighteenth Day of August, in the Seventh Year of Our Reign.

God save the QUEEN.

At the Court at Kensington, August 18. 1708.

Present the Queen's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS Day, by Her Majesty's Command, Richard Earl of Scarborough, John Earl of Mar, and Charles Viscount Townshend, were Sworn of Her Majesty's most Honourable Privy-Council of Great Britain, pursuant to an Act of Parliament past the last Session, Intituled An Act for rendering the Union of the two Kingdoms more Entire and Compleat.

St. James's, August 19. This Day being appointed by Her Majesty's Proclamation to be observ'd throughout this Kingdom, as a Day of Publick Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for his great Goodness, in giving to Her Majesty's Arms, in conjunction with those of Her Allies, under the Command of his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, a Signal and Glorious Victory over the French near Audenarde; Her Majesty went to the Cathedral Church of St. Paul's with great Solemnity, to return Thanks to God for such his Signal Mercy and Blessing.

The Lords, and others of her Majesty's Privy Council, met between 9 and 10 in the Morning, in the Council-Chamber at St. James's, the Knights of the most Noble Order of the Garter, wearing the Collars of the said Order; and having been Marshalled by the Officers of Arms, proceeded about 11 a Clock in their Coaches with 6 Horses each towards St. Paul's.

Her Majesty came afterwards, attended in the following manner: The Procession was conducted by the Knight-Marshal, preceded by his Officers on Horseback: The Rt. Hon. the Lord-Chamberlain in his own Coach: One Equery, two Pages of Honour, and the Gentleman-Usher in waiting, in Her Majesty's Leading-Coach: In another of Her Majesty's Coaches, the Women of the Bed-Chamber to Her Majesty: In the next the Maids of Honour follow'd by the Ladies of Her Majesty's Bed-chamber, in two of Her Majesty's Coaches: The Duke of Ormond in her Majesty's Body-Chariot. Each drawn by six Horses: A Detachment of the Horse-Granadiers: After them the Rt. Hon. Lord Viscount Townshend on Horse-back, at the Head of the Yeomen of the Guard on Foot, some before and some on each side of her Majesty's Coach: Then Her Majesty; the Dutchess of Marlborough, Groom of the Stole, and the Countess Dowager of Burlington, being the Lady of the Bed-chamber in waiting, in the Coach of State, drawn by eight Horses. His Grace the Duke of Somerset, Master of the Horse, riding on the right of Her Majesty's Coach. Her Majesty's Third Troop of Horse-Guards, commanded by the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Arran, closed the Ceremony.

The Streets thro' which Her Majesty passed were lined from St. James's as far as Temple-Bar by the Militia of Westminster; from thence to St. Paul's they were railed and hung with Blue Cloath, the City Train'd-Bands lining both

both sides, and upon Scaffolds erected for that purpose, were plac'd the several Companies in their Gown, with their respective Flags, Streamers and Musick. A Battalion of Her Majesty's two Regiments of Foot-Guards made a Lane from the West-Entrance into the Church to the Door of the Choir. The Balconies and the Windows of the Houses were hung with Carpets and rich Tapestry, and crowded with great numbers of Spectators.

At Temple-Bar Her Majesty was met by Sir William Withers, Lord Mayor of the City of London, who was roab'd in a Crimson Velvet Gown, and wore the City Collar SS and Jewel: He was attended by the Aldermen and Sheriffs in Scarlet Gowns, being all on Horseback; and by the Principal Officers on Foot in their Formalities, who were led up by the City-Marshal. When her Majesty enter'd the Gate, his Lordship alighted, and congratulating Her Majesty's coming into Her most Loyal City of London upon this happy Occasion, he presented to Her Majesty the City Pearl Sword; which she was graciously pleas'd to return to him; and then his Lordship mounted again, and carried the Sword bareheaded before Her Majesty, (the Aldermen and Sheriffs riding before him) to the Church, where the City Sword bearer receiv'd it from his Lordship.

Her Majesty being come to St. Paul's, was receiv'd at the West-Door, at Her alighting out of the Coach, by the Residentiaries and Prebendaries of the Church in their Habits, and was met by the Great Officers of State, the Nobility and Privy-Councillors; who from thence proceeded to the Choir in the following Order: First, the Officers of Arms; then the Privy-Councillors who are not Peers, two and two: The Peers Temporal and Spiritual, two and two: Norroy King of Arms: The Great Officers of State, and Lord Arch-bishop of Canterbury: The Serjeant at Arms with their Maces; Garter King of Arms, and a Gentleman Usher: The Duke of Northumberland with the Sword of State: The Rt. Hon. Thomas Coke, Esq; Vice Chamberlain of Her Majesty's Household being on his Grace's Right Hand. Her Majesty was led by the most Hon. the Marquis of Kent, Lord-Chamberlain of Her Household, and was follow'd by the Dutchess of Marlborough and the Countess Dowager of Burlington. The Earl of Arran Captain of the Guards, and the Duke of St. Albans at the Head of the Band of Pensioners, concluded the Procession.

Her Majesty being enter'd into the Choir, ascended a Throne erected at the West-end thereof, opposite to the Altar; where, after Her private Devotions, she seated Her Self in an armed Chair: Behind Her Majesty were Stools for two of the Ladies of the Bed-Chamber, and the Great Officers in waiting attending Her Majesty: The Peers and Privy-Councillors were placed on the North-side of the Choir; the Ladies of the Bed-Chamber in the Stalls on the South-side; and the Maids of Honour and Her Majesty's Bed-Chamber-Women below them. The Peersesses were placed at the West-end of the Middle-Gallery; and the Foreign Ministers, with their Ladies, filled the Places prepared for them in the Middle-Gallery on the same side with the Peers. At the East-end of that Gallery were seated the Lady Mayores and Aldermens Ladies; and at the East-end of the South-side, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Sheriffs. The rest of the Galleries were filled by the Ladies and other Persons of Quality that attended at this Solemnity. The Reverend Father in God, the Lord-Bishop of St. Asaph, Preach'd, and the Residentiaries and Prebendaries sat within the Rails of the Altar, except such as officiated in reading Prayers.

Divine Service being ended, Her Majesty returned to St. James's in the same Order of State that She came, the two Sheriffs riding before Her bareheaded to Temple-Bar. The great Guns of the Tower, those upon the River, and the Train in St. James's Park, were thrice discharg'd; the first time when Her Majesty took Coach at St. James's; the second at the Singing *Te Deum*, and the third when her Majesty came back to Her Palace.

In the Cities of London and Westminster there were Bonfires, Illuminations, Ringing of Bells, and all other Demonstrations of Loyalty and Affection to Her Majesty's Person and Government, and of the publick Joy upon so Glorious and Happy an Occasion.

Windfor, August 20. The following Addresses have been presented to the Queen, congratulating Her Majesty on the Glorious Victory obtain'd over the French near *Audenarde*, by the Forces of Her Majesty and Her Allies, commanded by his Grace the Duke of Marlborough.

The humble Address of the Bishop, Dean, Chapter, and others of the Clergy of the Diocese of *Lincoln*; presented to Her Majesty by his Grace the Lord Archbishop of *Canterbury*.

The humble Address of the Lord-Lieutenant, Deputy-Lieutenants, Grand-Jury, &c. of the County of *Norfolk*; presented to Her Majesty by the Right Honourable *Charles* Lord Viscount *Townshend*, Lord-Lieutenant of the said County.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Sheriffs, Citizens, and Commonalty of the City of *Norwich* in Common-Council assembled; presented to Her Majesty by the Rt. Hon. *Charles* Lord Viscount *Townshend*, Lord-Lieutenant of the said City and County of *Norwich*.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Burgeses of *Shrewsbury*, sent up by *John Kinaston* and *Richard Mutton*, Esqrs; their Representatives in Parliament; and presented to Her Majesty by *Richard Hill*, Esq;

The humble Address of the High-Sheriff, Grand-Jury, Deputy-Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, and other Gentlemen, at the Assizes held at the City of *Wells*, in and for the County of *Somerset*, August 10. 1708; presented to her Majesty by *Harry Bridges*, Esq; introduc'd by his Grace the Duke of *Somerset*.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Jurats and Commonalty of her Majesty's Town of *Maidstone*, in the County of *Kent*; presented to her Majesty by Sir *Thomas Colepeper* and Sir *Robert Marshall*, Barons, their Representatives in Parliament.

The humble Address of the Noblemen, Barons, and Commissioners of Supply, within the Shire of *Renfrew*; and of the Justices of the Peace for the said Shire, at their Quarter Sessions held at *Paisley*, upon the 3d Day of *August*, 1708. Presented by the Right Honourable the Earl of *Sunderland*.

The humble Address of the Noblemen, Barons, Freeholders, Heritors and Justices of the Peace within the Shire of *Edinburgh*; presented to her Majesty by the Rt. Hon. the Earl of *Marr*.

All which Addresses Her Majesty receiv'd very graciously.

Liſbon, Aug. 9. N. S. On the 17th of the last Month his Excellency Mr. Methuen, the British Ambassador, being conducted to the Palace with the usual Ceremonies, had his Audience of Leave of His Majesty: His Excellency intends to Embark to morrow morning on Board the *Triton*, in order to return to Great Britain with the British Fleet of Merchant Ships, and the Men of War appointed for their Convoy.

From the Camp at *Muhlburg*, Aug. 17. N. S. The Count de *Mercy* return'd hither on Monday last; and yesterday went again to rejoin his Detachment, which was to arrive this Evening at *Forestein*, where it will be with-in reach to join our Army, or to march towards *Philipsbourg*. Monsieur d'Arnan is also return'd hither from the Frontiers of *Burgundy*, and represents the Design of Acting in those Parts as impracticable. He hath since left this Place, in order to wait on Prince *Eugene*. The Count *Tirin* is upon his Departure for *Vienna*, to inform the Imperial Court of the present Posture of our Affairs, and concert the Measures that are next to be enter'd upon. Our Army continues still within their Lines, and that of the Enemy in the Camp of *Langencandel*. His Electoral Highness, accompanied by several General Officers, dined yesterday with the Prince of *Bareith* at *Etling*.

Ostend, Aug. 29. N. S. On Sunday the 26th, at 3 a Clock in the Morning, the French decamp'd from *Lovendeghem* on the Canal of *Bruges*, and march'd in 8 Columns thro' *Ghent*, and the Neighbourhood thereof, as if designing for *Brabant*; after some hours march they returned and pass'd the Canal, marching directly for *Deinse*, between *Ghent* and *Courtray*; and on Monday fac'd another way, and march'd towards *Allost*. When the French decamp'd from *Lovendeghem*, they left three Battalions and two Squadrons in *Bruges*, and seven Battalions in *Ghent*. The Batteries began to play against *Lille* on Monday the 27th very early in the Morning, and we have ever since heard from thence a continual Fire. The Postillion of *Ghent* is just now arrived with Letters to Mr. de *Caris*, our Commander in chief, which say, that the Duke of *Vendosme*, after several Marches and Counter-marches, was come back to *Melle*, between *Allost* and *Ghent*, having the great Causeway of *Brussels* in the Rear, and a Rivulet in Front. They write from the Camp at *A-mougies* of the 27th, That when the Batteries began to play